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CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Let's Keep It Going Up!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Giving Is Not a One-Way Street

READ EPHESIANS 4:8

Bible Thought: ***"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father . . ."*** **(James 1:17a).**

IN TODAY'S Scripture, Paul renews the promise first proclaimed by the psalmist that the ascension would be accompanied by the giving of gifts to men. And this generosity of God did not end in the first century! His bountiful hand continues to bless us with every material and spiritual gift even today.

But giving must not be a one-way street. We have two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with. We should not be cisterns for hoarding, but channels for sharing. If we fail to fulfill this divine duty and privilege, we have missed the message and meaning of Christianity.

As an initial offering, we should give something very small to the Lord—ourselves. Emerson once remarked that rings or jewels or money were not real gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only real gift is a portion of yourself.

If we want to be rich, we should give; if we want to be poor, we should grasp; if we want abundance, we must scatter; and, if we want to be needy, we need only to hoard.

Hymn: "There Is a Sea."

Lord, help us to give all you ask and to accept all you are willing to give. In Christ's name. Amen.

—ROBERT M. FULMER

WEDNESDAY IS THE DEADLINE!!

Okay, all you Reporters, Secretaries of Clubs and Parishes, Columnists, Clergy and anyone else who submits articles for the MCC News. We love you for the copy and couldn't do it without you, BUT, in order to have some kind of order and schedule, we have established a Wednesday evening deadline. Definitely, positively, no exceptions allowed if you want your article in that weeks' issue. Otherwise it will be held over for the next week.

Have Mercy On Us, Please! We just can't possibly type your articles and get them ready for paste up, make the plates and print hundreds of copies by Sunday morning if everyone hands in their copy on Friday evening.

If you could type your own articles at least once. Check it over for clarity and spellings, double spaced so that we can easily and quickly read it and type it off real fast, then we will have a little extra time to ourselves and loved ones. You CAN, of course, submit them as early as you are ready. Anytime BEFORE Wednesday, would be real nice. This is wonderful work but really it can get exasperating at times with so much to do and no one around to help.

A VIEW FROM THE PEW

BUSINESS BEFORE PREACHING
Sunday - August 1st

by Al Correa

This was an exciting Sunday! Notices had been sent to Members informing them that a special 10: a.m. meeting would be held to elect delegates to the Second Annual Conference. That, and Rev. Jon Bullock's new service at 9:00 a.m. drew in many familiar faces. Among them were some of the Members I love best, but hadn't seen in months. Perhaps they still attend with regularity — now that some 800 Friends, Members and visitors come to our Church each Sunday it gets increasingly difficult to find a particular person among the congregation, even when you know they're in the building. Today I spotted Lanna and Bo Siewert, Cliff Ferguson, Charlie Eckhardt, Barrie Brandt, Hans & Irv Beazley and many others who were regulars at the Encore.

Five new Exhorters were licensed this morning. They are: Hal Young, K. Philip Spencer, Bob Darst, Robert L. Hickey and Lark Johnston. The licenses of the following Exhorters were renewed: Andrew Lloyd, Willie Smith, Lee Spangenberg, Thom Jones, Richard Pentico.

Six delegates were elected, and they are: Deacon Pat Vestal Connie Vaughn, Deacon Tom Purcell, Terry Luton and Deacon Bill Thorne, and Don Hughes.

At 11:00 a.m. Services later Asst. Pastor John Hose greeted us with the words "A very warm good morning to you." He then commented on Rev. Bullock's Service, noting that the response indicated that this is a needed Service. "We are a Church with opened doors and opened minds, and what we're receptive to is the love of Jesus Christ," said Rev. Hose.

Rev. Bullock led the Responsive reading — he has splendid diction. Rev. Richard Ploen followed, telling us how he had been scouting for books for the Seminary Library without much success, but that now a donor had appeared, giving 850 volumes! He asked for thanksgiving in our prayers, saying "God is in his place... May our hearts burn within us with His presence... We have been concious of His presence in the glory of the morning and the beauty of the evening. We are thankful for the friendships inspired by Jesus Christ, for there are no friendships better than those inspired through Christian fellowship".

Our Pastor greeted us, introducing a black male couple who had been together 22 years, and a black female couple whom I spoke to after services. Bill Teck, a Board Member from MCC - San Francisco and his friend Bill Appelquist, were introduced. Visiting from MCC of San Diego were Henry and Dale Wigginton whom we met for dinner later. I missed the rest of the names and by this time Rev. Perry was telling us about his trip to the Denver Mission, so I never got caught up. Seventy Six were in attendance at Denver, a remarkable number for a new Mission! The Mile High city has great potential and our hopes and prayers are with Rev. Ron Carnes for the success of this new outreach. They've already started looking around for property!

Commenting on the heat, Rev. Perry called on the Members to each accumulate a special donation of $10 apiece to turn in on August 15th to serve two purposes:

(a) To pay off a $2,500 balance on a current obligation which is now due.
(b) Use the balance for a cooling system for the Church.

I doubt we could begin to buy the sort of refrigeration unit we need to cool the church with what will be left over. Don't I have any affluent readers out there who'd like to earn the undying gratitude of 800 homosexuals? Will you ever have a chance like this again? About $15,000 is what is needed. This is no ordinary donation; there is youth to such giving, youth and hope and fearlessness and a wild, hungry abandon.

The Crescendos were honored today with the gift of an attache case for carrying their sheet music. David Roddell and Alain Perrine accepted for the trio. The Choir then sang, led by Walter Craig.

Prolonged heat always puts me in a languid state as if my brains were wrapped in cotton, so I must admit Rev. Perry's message eluded your correspondent. The only dregs that penetrated my stupor was an anedote about Peter & John meeting a beggar along the way to the Temple. They said "Silver and gold we have not, but what we have, we give to you" and the beggar walked. He then scolded us a bit, saying "Some of us never pray until Rev. Ploen rises to lead us on Sundays." He recommended fasting and self-denial, adding "Expect, and it will happen!" His closing prayer despaired that "...so many followed your Son just for the loaves and fishes..." but I couldn't connect or recall the rest of it. Was he disappointed in us?

This being First Sunday, seventeen communicants were presented before the congregation for acceptance. 16 joined as members (8 of them women). Deacon John Logan's lover, Jay, was accepted as the only Registered Friend.

Isn't it Good to know there is a Crisis Intervention Committee? Remember:Somebody who really cares is there when you call.

BAR-B-Q IMPROMPTU BEER BUST

It sure was hot last Sunday and I couldn't see a picnic without a cold beer. So I passed the hat and got several thirsty souls interested in contributing towards some beer.When I collected about $13.00 we went and got some. Those who hadn't donated wanted some so I told them to start a second kitty.

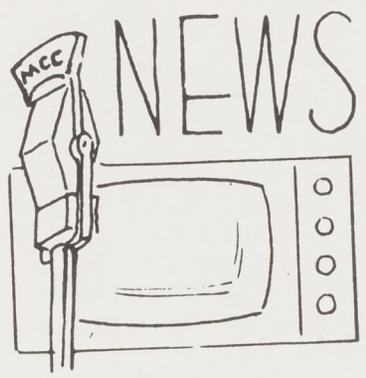
It didn't take long to finish the first few cases and soon the second kitty held $12.00. We got some more and still others who hadn't been a part of the kitty wanted a cold drink too, so---we started the 3rd kitty!

By the time the second beer-run had been all used up, the picnic started to break up. Those who contributed to the 3rd kitty weren't around and me and Jan were ready for a night on the town, but I wondered just what are we going to do with this money collected for the 3rd kitty?

Anyway, there was $11.00 and a few pennies which was given to Deacon Tom Purcell as our beer drinkers' donation to the Deacon's Closet. A good time was had by all.

That's a total of $36.00 just for a cold drink! Doesn't that say something? Do you think we could raise some money as fast for the benefit of M.C.C.? It does prove we're not all broke yet. You all got your cold drink and the church did get an unexprected windfall.

Marty S.



CLERGY ARRESTED!!

Everyday homosexuals are unjustly arrested for lewd conduct, prostitution, loitering, etc. But, it is not every day that the victim is a clergyman. These homosexuals seldom challenge what has happened to them in the courts because they cannot afford the publicity or the time or the money. But,now there is an instance where the minister involved is making preparation to fight his arrest in a jury trial.

Because we think you will have a special interest in this case, the next meeting of the Council on Religion and the Homophile has been set up to discuss it.

You are invited to bring your friends and to come to the meeting on Wednesday, August 11th at 8:00PM. This will be held at 2256 Venice Blvd.(first block east of Western) in Los Angeles.

What Can A Minister Do to Fight An Unjust Arrest? will be Rev. Richard Nash's topic. Mr. Nash will report on his arrest for prostitution. He has been active within the gay community. He has been organizing gay Unitarian Universalists, and at that denomination's recent General Assembly he helped found a gay caucus.

Mr. Nash's arrest, his willingness to fight it, and his active participation in both religious and gay communities give us an unusually good opportunity to sort out the issues involved in the relationship between the two communities represented in the Council on Religion and the Homophile. We hope we can count on your presence.

THANK YOU MCC

On Sunday morning August 1st, Rev. Perry moderated a congregational business meeting prior to the 11 o'clock services during which the members of the congregation voted for the delegates and alternates for the forthcoming General Conference. Following the actual voting, Rev. Perry then read the letters written to the congregation by those requesting licensing as Exhorters.

I was very much filled with the love of Christ when Troy read my letter to the congregation and called me to come forward before them. For a long time now I have felt the Call and have been eager to be of service to our Lord and have applied myself to Seminary studies. As Rev. Perry had me stand there, he paused and surprised me and the congregation by announcing that I have been requested to come to Denver to become Asst. Pastor by Rev. Ron Carnes. The overwhelming thrill of this answer to my prayers to be of service, not only to Christ but to our community, so overcame me that I'm afraid I broke up with tears of joy.

I want to publicly thank all of the wonderful friends I have met at MCC for their warmth in giving me their trust and their best wishes. My heart has been touched by the love I have found here at the Mother Church. This has been the most wonderful gift I have ever received.

I will be leaving for Denver this coming Friday, August 13th, and I shall miss all those whom I have come to know and love. My mission will be to carry on and spread the fellowship of Love and Christian Pride that has so filled our lives here in Los Angeles.

I wish to share my rejoicing by extending my own best wishes to my fellow Exhorters who were also accepted and re-newed last Sunday: Phil Spencer, Hal Young, Lark Johnston, Bob Hickey, Willie Smith, Andy Lloyd, Thom Jones, Lee Spangenberg and Richard Pentico.

I'm sure they will not mind if I speak for them as well as for myself when I say "Thank you and God Bless."

Yours in Christ,
Bob Darst

LAVENDER LADIES ARE MADE UP OF THIS:

Teamwork is helping to prepare each other, may it be girls, boys or men, for better performance in every way, backstage or on stage. But first keeping in mind, no one star is better or bigger when getting a show together. To do so would make her hard to work with and of no use to herself or others. All are good and have much to offer the public as long as one remembers to work hard and to do their part. To forget their dislikes and likes for each other; but instead, a kind thought and helping hand to those not as lucky to know teamwork. Showmanship, make-up, hair fashion, and fashions and such. Helping in the only way she can. This, and only this, will make a good old vaudeville impersonator, like we once had and have so few left. Like such names as Walter Hart, Casey Jones and many, many others. Some day we hope to see our members working out in some club or such, taking with them one thing--teamwork and love in their hears. This and only this way can she be a star in the eyes of her public and co-workers. And I don't mean having friends and knowing the right people with money, to put you there.

With teamwork and love, she will have everything come out beautiful by working hard. Lavender Ladies are doing all this and more, as the members have one hell of a guy directing them in every possible way. The proof will be in their first show, August 14th, and in every show you see thereafter, and that's no drag!!

Sue Hayworth

MORE LACE FROM THE LAVENDER LADIES

The Lavender Ladies have been rehearsing and getting ready for the upcoming show to be held in the Social Hall. It is sponsored by the Deacons and will follow the Deacons Dinner Saturday August 14th. 7:30PM.

This show will be the first of many that the Lavender Ladies have in mind for the future. The most attractive part of all our planned functions is the fact that the Lavender Ladies are making it possible for us that like to don our fineries and have a little fun in a Christian atmosphere.

All the members of the Lavender Ladies are glad to see the enthusiasm that we have received by the ticket sales for the Deacons Dinner! We would like to see you all have as much fun as possible.

The Princess of the months of July and August will be presented with the monthly trophies. The Princesses of the Month have been voted on by the members of the group.But you will have to wait until the night of the 14th to find out who won.

There was an election of additional Board members at the meeting Saturday July 31st. The membership voted Wendy Hall, Carrol La Marr, Desiree Du Bass to the Board of Directors of the Lavender Ladies.

Wendy Hall was selected to be the Secretary of the group. It is well known in the group that she is a real dedicated member and that she will do a real good job. We the other board members would like to congatulate the Lavender Ladies' newest Board of Directors members and we all pray for more understanding and direction in what we are trying to do for ourselves. We also would like to ask that when our fellow members of MCC pray to our Saviour, that you would remember us in your prayers and that we will also do God's will.

Yours in Christ,
Lori Oswald

TAKE TIME

TAKE TIME TO LIVE: it is one Secret of Success

TAKE TIME TO THINK: it is the source of power.

TAKE TIME TO PLAY: it is the secret of youth.

TAKE TIME TO READ: it is the foundation of knowledge.

TAKE TIME FOR FRIENDSHIP: it is the source of happiness.

TAKE TIME TO LAUGH: it helps to lift life's load.

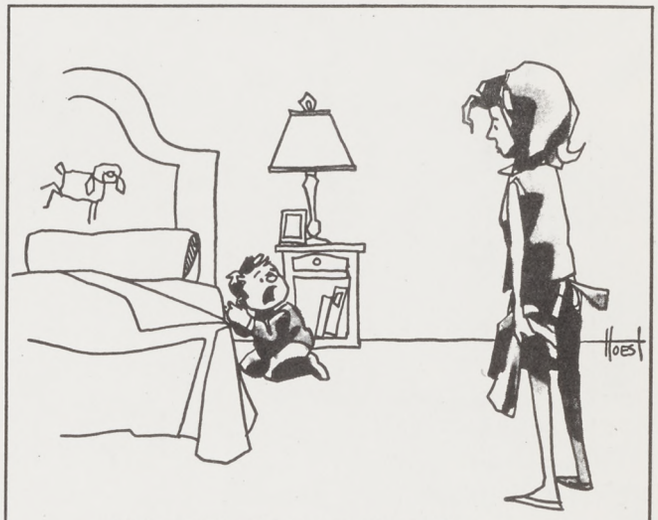
TAKE TIME TO DREAM: it hitches the soul to the stars.

TAKE TIME FOR GOD:

IT IS LIFE'S ONLY LASTING INVESTMENT.

Selected.

At my high school reunion, Miss Aldrich, my Latin teacher, said I turned out just the way she expected. I took it as a compliment, but I'm not quite sure it was.



"I'm transmitting, but how do I know He's receiving?"

HANG-UP

Trapped in a tangle of coat hangers recently, I dictated the following observations while awaiting a rescue party:

1. For every hanger thrown out of a closet, ten more appear from nowhere. Decades of dedicated hanger disposal have reduced my supply to over 300,000. The total is shrinking upward even as I say this.
2. At any given time, at least 15 percent of my hangers are on the floor, and all the empty ones are tangled together.
3. For every one I pull out, three fall down.
4. The hanger I am removing is always facing the wrong way, and nearly jerks my arm out of its socket. If not facing the wrong way, it is holding hands with one that is.
5. Whenever I want to hang something up, all the hangers are filled.
6. When I pull out a coat, one shoulder is invariably caught in an adjacent hanger, 14 others tumble to the floor, and the crossbar comes loose at one end.

My conclusion is that coat hangers breed faster than rabbits, with a gestation period of 20 minutes flat. Baby hangers are born full-grown, and affix themselves to the mother until freed by wire cutters, after which they seek a mate and propagate.

Hanger DR-147-b, now holding up my robe in surly fashion, has fathered some 138,370 offspring. He just fell to the floor. No wonder.

LARRY CHABOT

GRATEFUL THANKS

The "Crescendos" express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all their friends at MCC for the gift presented them on Sunday, August 1st. This was a surprise of surprises for all of us!!

May we say that the love MCC has shown us has been most encouraging. This is the source of energy and strength we need when our spirits are low and the hours of work and rehearsal seem almost endless. We hope and pray God will continue to use our talents and we can be an instrument of His service for a long time.

The "Crescendos" have been on the move the past few weeks and we were especially priviledged to be a part of the first birthday service at our Phoenix Church. It is good to see this congregation growing and soon to move into their own church building. Future plans are to visit the church in Oakland and possibly San Francisco. It is our desire to visit all the MCC Churches.

The Crescendos

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT - JULY 1971: MCC LOS ANGELES

Receipts - Item	7/4	7/11	7/18	7/25	TOTAL
Envelopes	$280.55	$473.25	$503.67	$363.00	$1,620.47
Loose Offering	457.72	506.87	676.57	368.29	2,009.45
Sunday School	---	---	---	---	---
Deacons	5.00	15.00	1.00	149.50	170.50
Benevolent	---	---	---	---	---
Seminary	---	---	---	---	---
Publications	143.16	179.45	73.20	---	395.81
Music	82.54	---	---	---	82.54
Miscellaneous	109.50	116.80	107.00	387.16	720.46
Bad Checks	---	---	---	(2.00)	(2.00)
TOTALS	$1,078.47	$1,291.37	$1,361.44	$1,265.95	$4,997.23

Summary of Cash Statements:	Month	Year to Date
envelopes	$1,620.47	$20,452.37
Loose Offering	2,009.45	28,139.85
Sunday School	---	63.25
Building Reserve	---	6,586.33(expended)
Deacons	170.50	588.65
Universal Fellowship	---	271.74
Bible Seminary	---	68.00
Publications	395.81	2,613.05
Personal Services	---	30.00
Music Dept.	82.54	301.36
Bad Checks	(2.00)	(81.25)
Miscellaneous Receipts (Includes Bldg Fund)	720.46	35,494.39
May Festival	---	1,494.76
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$4,997.23	$96,137.75*

*$58,130.75 has been expended, year-to-date on the down-payment, closing costs, and general refurbishing of your church building.

BUDGET & FINANCIAL STATEMENT: CC LOS ANGELES JULY 1971
(10TH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR)

DEPARTMENT	MONTH'S BUDGET	EXPEND-ITURES	STATUS	BUDGET YR TO DATE	EXPENDITURES	STATUS
Salaries, Honorariums	$1,550.00	$1,547.83	$ 2.17	$14,100.00	$13,853.58	$246.42
Bldg Fixed Debt	958.10	958,10	---	5,983.40	6,049.65	(66.25)
Maint. Supply	50.00	217.82	(167.82)	500.00	487.33	12.67
Utilities	225.00	319.58	(94.58)	2,250.00	3,373.08	(1123.08)
Insurance	71.00	---	71.00	710.00	849.00	(139.00)
Music & Communications	60.00	43.29	16.71	600.00	908.07	(308.07)
Christian Education	50.00	---	50.00	500.00	265.20	234.80
Universal Fellowship(5%)	278.17(May)	278.17	---	2,701.38	2,423.21	278.17*
Office Supply & Postage	250.00	241.67	8.33	2,500.00	2,388.60	111.40
Church Services	100.00	89.40	10.60	1,000.00	1,664.51	(664.51)
Benevolences (5%)	278.17	415.00+	(136.83)	2,639.28	1,991.31	647.97
Travel & Misc.	100.00	154.00	(54.00)	1,000.00	1,351.42	(351.42)
Publications	100.00	(14.12)	114.12	1,000.00	382.93	617.07
Contingency	100.00	---	100.00	900.00	---	900.00
Designations: Deacons	76.00	76.00	---	697.65	697.65	---
Seminary	---	---	---	60.00	60.00	---
Advertising	100.00	98.09	1.91	1,000.00	1,059.73	(59.73)
Misc. (no budget)	201.73	201.73	---	201.73	201.73	---
TOTALS	$4,548.17	$4,626.56	($78.39)	$38,343.44	$38,007.00	$336.44

Note: $850.00 was expended for Bldg. Special Debt Reduction.
*Shows balance, since June payment was not made, nor was JUly.
+Expenses and Honorariums paid for Spiritual Renewal Conference Included.

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LET THE SUN SHINE IN

A world traveler visited a church in Germany famous for its stained-glass windows. The exterior of the church was plain, and there was no beauty in the windows from the outside.

The first look within its portal was a disappointment. The guide told this gentleman to go forward and look eastward where the morning sun was rising. Lo and behold, a marvelous and wondrous vision broke upon him of Jesus in the temple with the doctors. This stained-glass window was called "The Glory of Christ." The traveler was filled with ecstasy.

The guide then told the traveler to return about noon so that he could look at another window flamed in the sun with Christ walking upon the sea. He was again requested by the guide to return at sunset, and the rays of the sun fell upon Christ on the cross amazingly realistic and touching.

Many of us see nothing to admire in our MCC. It is a disappointment, a fraud, a delusion. There are always some of us who see it from without, and there are some inside who view it from the wrong angle. Or, on a dark and foggy day, they only see the chairs and the floor.

However, for those who come inside and look toward the sun - listen to the "spoken words" of God, they see the many miracles of Jesus Christ, His Love, His Power, His Mercy, and His Salvation.

Kitty L.

FACADES

As I look at people's opaque facades,
I tremble, knowing I reveal a
Wad of tangled, sincere emotions.

I try to appear like others and
Hide behind a shadow of cliches,
Smiles and polite "ha-ha's".
But I yearn to grow beyond the
Shallow depths of their "luv".

I yearn, I wish, that I would see
Someone who wants transparency,
To show what he feels
without wavering.
But I fear it is almost too late
for me.
Because to be transparent
Is to give to everyone you see.

To know the assets of "love"
And to be transparent is so
Very painful, so
Very Frightening.....

-Daisey

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If a guy's got good legs, he SHOULD wear hot pants

DON'T BLOW YOUR MIND,
TALK ABOUT IT.

Date: Wed. July 28, 1971

Place: Seminary Room, MCC-LA.

Setting: About 10 young people setting around rapping about almost anything.(However the spirit moves) The basic topic chosen for this particular evening was "Love and the Single Homosexual".

Our Rap Sessions are really taking form. We've got a new member named Hector who had many questions thrown at him. Which in turn led to having several questions asked to the whole group with each individual giving his own opinion. One of the more interesting questions that was asked was "What do you think of lover relationships?" and "Should all gays form one?" This was a really good question because everyone had some type of remark. And it's really something how people differ in opinion.

In weeks to come we will be discussing topics like religion, drugs, war in Viet Nam and lots of other goodies. Want to get involved? Come on out and get together with your brothers and sisters in fellowship. Our only requirement is that you be from age 13 to 20 and want to have lots of fun. We will be rapping every Wednesday evening here at the Church at 7:30 PM through out the summer vacation. Until next week, Right On!, sisters, Right On!

Ray Hicks, Secretary
MCC-LA Youth Group

TODAY I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU

by Phyllis Culp Mabry

Today I said a prayer for you
And from the very start
I know that God was listening...
I could feel it in my heart
I asked that He would keep you
Just as thoughtful and as good
As you are this very minute
Though,of course,I knew He would
I didn't pray for fame and wealth
For this,excuse me,please
But I knew that you would much prefer
More lasting things than these.
So I asked that you'd have many joys
Good friends with whom to share them
And then (if problems had to come)
The strength you'd need to bear them.
I prayed you'd always love the world
And everything that's in it
So you would find new reasons
To be happy every minute
Then I simply had to tell Him
You're so thoughful and so kind
You do endless things for others
Without any "Thanks" in mind...
I told Him you should always have
Bright, sunny skies above you
And many people in your life
Who'll understand and love you...
So if you're feeling good today
Content and unafraid
And specially blest by God,it's cause
I asked that when I prayed...
But what I prayed the most for
When I said my little prayer
Was that God would always keep you
Close within His loving care.

Yours in Christ,
Fred, Deputy Deacon
Beach Parish

NOTE: BEACH PARISH MEETING,Aug 10th
425 4th Pl. Manhattan Beach.
213-379-2216. GOD LOVES YOU.

The teacher of our adult Sunday - school class was having difficulty defining the difference between "charity" and "compassion" -- until she hit on this: "Charity is when you bake cookies for the church bazaar. Compassion is when you buy them back."

"Instead of a tree surgeon I've called a Psychiatrist. It's a Nut tree."

GAY OR BI?
ARE WE SICK?

(Letter to an American mother from Sigmund Freud,Psychiatrist,American Journal of Psychiatry, CVII(April, 1951), p. 787.)

I gather from your letter that your son is a homosexual. I am most impressed by the fact that you do not mention this term yourself in your information about him. May I question you, why you avoid it? Homosexuality is assuredly no advantage, but it is nothing to be ashamed of, no vice, no degradation, it cannot be classified as an illness; we consider it to be a variation of the sexual function produced by a certain arrest of sexual development. Many highly respectable individuals of ancient and modern times have been homosexuals, several of the greatest among them (Plato,Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci,etc.). It is a great injustice to persecute homosexuality as a crime, and cruel too.

AN INVITATION

Friend, there is a welcome in this church for thee,
Come in and rest, and think, and kneel and pray.
What men have builded for God's glory see;
Give thanks, and so in peace go thy way.

—Shrewsbury Abbey, England

The Anglican Digest

DELEGATES FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

The following is a list of the delegates and alternate delegates representing L.A. who will be attending the General Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Delegates	Alternate Delegates
Pat Vestal	Al Correa
Connie Vaughn	Howard Coburn
Tom Purcell	Dick Sommers
Don Hughes	Shawn Farrell
Terry Luton	Jon Bullock
Bill Thorne	Larry Long

If you have any suggestions for changes, additions or what have you for the Fellowship, please write them down and see at least one of your delegates. Our job and/or obligation as a delegate is to represent YOU, so help us to help you express your wishes at the General Conference. Make your voice heard. I am in the publications office every day and I am interested, so don't wait. Do it now.

I would also like to thank everyone who voted for me for their vote. I feel that every vote I received was a vote of confidence. I am very honored to be a delegate and pledge my best effort for you.

Connie Vaughn
MCC News Editor

Help us spread MCC's love to our deaf brothers and sisters. The needs of the Gay-Deaf community are great and only MCC can fill the void. One way we hope to reach the deaf is via a Sign Language choir. Such a choir will be unique in Southern Calif.; it will be a testimony of MCC's love and interest in the deaf. You don't have to know Sign Language to be a member of the choir. Join us Monday night at 7:30 PM. By the way, the choir will have its debut at General Conference. Join us now and be one of our charter members!

Carl A. Argila
Phone: 747-5014

"WE'RE GOING TO TREAT YOU IN SO MANY WAYS THAT...."

By Al Correa

Did you ever get to one of those early Communion Services? No? Well, don't feel bad, I didn't either! This last Sunday, however I was just too curious to stay away when I heard Rev. Jon Bullock was preaching a high liturgical service at 9:00 a.m. It was quite a Special Experience which you might like to try.

Rev. Bullock is ordained as a Presbyterian minister, has pastored a congregation of his own prior to joining MCC and is now a Member of our Denomination. This morning he conducted an Episcopal Service which was beautiful to behold and was as important a milestone in our history as was the commencement of Evening Services. Let me be quick to add that if you are a devotee of Evening Worship Services then this form of service might not be as soul-satisfying to you. We are all here to worship God and in addition have certain powerful common bonds which unify us, but people are so wonderful that we all have varying temperaments! For example, some of our Brothers & Sisters can't sit through the 11:00 a.m. Service, but strongly identify with the Evening Service. Other Members find Wednesday Evening Services the only sort they consider spiritually rewarding.

Now I love our church -- I'd attend with equal relish whether we had rollicking revivals each Sunday, or a Russian Orthodox Service. The Unity and love I feel for our fellow Members makes any form of worship meaningful. But at the same time, many of the friends we love have deep emotional need for other forms of worship. Since becoming a Member I've met visitors who came to us seeking God, but because of other backgrounds found the hymns too fundamental, the clapping too raucous and the applause during services lacking in reverence.

Let's give thanks to the Lord that Jon Bullock has been sent to us, bringing us this fourth type of worship service to offer our growing Membership!

One last note. In case the question ever comes up, this is not called a 'Mass.' The week before a Member had actually told me this would be a Roman Catholic service and at the service itself there seemed to be a good deal of genuflecting as if the members believed this motion was required. But we are, of course, an American Protestant Church. All faiths are welcomed with opened arms, but certain tenents of our faith can only be bent so far — without breaking.

Here's your chance to do some Missionary work. Bring a friend to this new Service, or lure back someone who may have left us!

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Man does not hunger for bread alone

A full stomach is not the end of man's quest for his destiny, only the barest point of departure.

NOTICE!

The Crescendos are interested in talking with you if you are a pianist. There is also a desire to hear soloists in all voice categories, as well. See any member of the trio for information.

SOUTH CENTRAL NEWS

The last meeting of the South Central Parish was held at Gloyd West's home in Huntington Park. We had a pot-luck dinner and, as usual, we had food coming out of our ears. Many thanks to those who came and you who didn't, you missed home made bread, meatloaf, cucumbers, etc.

Recalling the events now, we discussed plastering and painting the stairway from the publications department to the seminary room. Also the stairway to the Social Hall needs another hand rail as with the one to the balcony. We have started a parish treasury and soon will start a fund raising campaign to get needed items for our Church and for helping other missions as needed.

Our next meeting will be at 8 PM on August 10th, Tuesday. We had planned on a movie concerning suicide, but unfortunately it is not available at this time. So we are having a coffee ring type of discussion and just getting to know one another. Even tho our numbers have been small, our spirit and enthusiasm has been super and is growing.

Do come and meet with us on August 10th at the home of Joe Burns, 7915 Mountain View, Huntington Park - phone 588-1349 or call Jim Mason at 684-1792.

Hope to see you then.

So. Central Secretary
and
Special Deputy Deacon
Jim Mason

NORTHEAST PARISH MEETS

by Al Correa

Tuesday, August 3rd, the Northeast Parish met in the Seminary Room at the Church. Deacon Tom Purcell led us in the opening prayer, after which a business meeting followed. We discussed what the duties of a co-ordinator should be and, agreeing that the obligations were demanding, Roger Perryman suggested that at the coming meeting we elect an Alternate Co-ordinator to help carry the load.

At the next meeting elections will be held for the following offices:

Co-ordinator

Alternate Co-ordinator & Treasurer

Secretary

Roger Perryman and Bob Foster agreed to address envelopes and mail out notices for the coming meeting.

Deacon Tom discussed recent Parish expenditures for furnishing the Sommers Drawing Room.

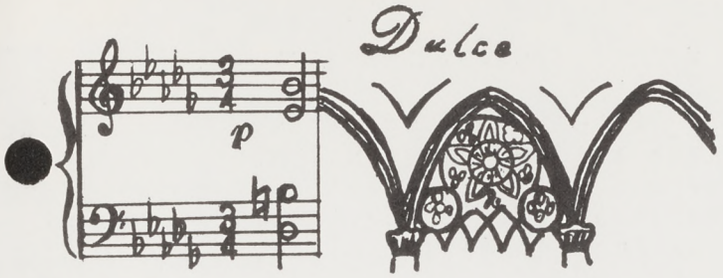
Hans led us in the closing prayer after which we enjoyed some cold punch and snacks.

Come join us at our next meeting! It'll be at 7:30 PM, August 17th in the Church Social Hall.

TODAY

Today is our	. . . let's live it.
And love is strong	. . . let's give it
A song can help	. . . let's sing it.
And peace is dear	. . . let's bring it.
The past is gone	. . . don't rue it.
Our work is here	. . . let's do it.
The world is wrong	. . . let's right it.
If evil comes	. . . let's fight it.
The road is rough	. . . let's clear it.
The future vast	. . . don't fear it.
Is faith asleep?	. . . let's wake it.
Today is ours	. . . let's take it!

Conscience is a safe guide only when
God is the guide of the conscience!



THE SOUNDS OF MUSIC

-L. Henderson

As our church grows we find we are having growing pains likewise. We would like to have any and all who might be interested come out and become another one of us in our Choirs.

If you enjoy all types of music, you'll find that we do and are going to be doing more varied types as the year progresses.

Our sound has been building all year now. Let's build our choirs to match the sound.

We now have another choir along with our Chancel Choir. Since we have 9:00 A.M. Holy Communion we have formed a new Liturgical Choir. We are quite small at present, but the enthusiasm more than makes up for the size. So any one of you, that might be of the Catholic or more commonly called "High Church" background, will be more than welcome to come into our choir.

We are also looking for anyone who might have other musical talents. We know there must be some trumpet, trombone, or reed instrument players in a Church of this size. We have some very near future plans of doing some very contemporary types of music. This will also call for Guitar and Banjo along with a big happy string Bass. This gives you a small idea of your future sounds to be heard in and around the Church.

Auditions for either Choir are held before and after each Thursday's rehearsals. Please check with the Liturgical Choir Director, Mr. Edgar Carswell, or for the Chancel Choir Director, Mr. F. Craig. One and all are welcome.

L.A. COUPLES CLUB - Tenth Meeting

One good thing -- and probably only one -- to say for this hot weather is that it is perfect for the tenth Couples Club get-together next Friday, the 13th, 7:30 PM.

It's a bring-your-supper at Playa Del Rey where fire rings are available for cooking at the beach.

The Club will supply the charcoal; you bring your food, yourselves and (couples) guests..And $1.00 admission per car.

Entrance to Dockweiler State Beach is at the west end of Imperial Hwy. Get to the San Diego Freeway, then take the Imperial Hwy offramp west, heading into the sun until you run out of road.

If it is possible, there will be an MCC sign at the entrance with an arrow directing you to the left or to the right; if no sign, oh, just look around -- we won't be hard to find.

Transportation may be a problem for some of our people, so if you have a car, please offer a ride to someone who does not. If you need a ride, ask someone in your area, or call:

Al -- 851-4395
or Selma--271-8312

Al Correa

ORANGE COUNTY NEWS

Sunday, August 8th, Rev. Van Heck whom most of us know and love will be preaching at Christ Chapel MCC in Orange County.

Pastor Rodger Harrison is vacationing in Europe, giving members in the Los Angeles/Orange County area an opportunity to hear some great speakers that don't often get a chance to preach!

Girls!!! Coming on August 15th, after Rev. Van Heck, the speaker will be Rev. Evelyn Kinser, one of the Founders of the Women's Action Committee. Plan to hear these two vital people in the coming two weeks.

Services at Christ Chapel MCC are held at:

1259 Victoria Street
Costa Mesa, Calif.
Time: 7:00 PM
Phone: 714-548-6868

NOTICE

The altar is in need of 3 chalices. The ones that we are using are on loan and they are being returned to their lender to be used in our other missions. We would like someone to donate some new ones. They cost $50.00 each. Also we would like to get a baptismal bowl which we need; also the cost of which is $30.00.

These can be given as a memorial to a loved one and would be engraved with their name on it.

If you are interested in donating one of the chalices or the baptismal bowl, please contact Gloyd West, Altar Chairman after church services today or give him a phone call at his home, 585-6952.

TREASURER'S WEEKLY REPORT

The total offering (loose and envelopes) last Sunday, August 1st, was $1,004.94. Monies received during the week was $340.71. This gives us a total of $1,345.65. Although this seems like a lot of money, look at the fact that our envelope offering or pledged tithes were way down to $357.00 or only 36.1% of what you pledged.

We must strengthen our giving and work to pay off our indebtedness. Remember Sunday August 15....This is our day to REALLY show that we want AIR CONDITIONING in our building. We CAN do it!

WOMEN'S ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Our 2nd meeting on July 30 produced some concrete suggestions and evidences of the willingness of the women of MCC to be an active and integral part of the Church operations and departments.

Saturday, August 14th, is W-Day, that is, W as in Work. Several projects are in the schedule...please join us at the Church as early as possible that day.

You will hear more about it by mail; if we don't have your address, call the Church office or one of the other women.

See you Saturday....bring a guy!

Evelyn Kinser

Rules for Christian Living

By General William Booth
(Founder of the Salvation Army)

1. Consider your body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and treat it with reverence and care.

2. Keep your mind active. Stimulate it with thoughts of others that lead you to do something for them.

3. Take time to be holy, with daily meditation and prayer.

4. Support the church of your faith. Mingle with others in worship.

5. Cultivate the presence of God. He wants to enter your life as far as you let Him Take God into the details of your life.

6. Pray for this troubled, war-threatened world and for the leaders who hold the destinies of the various nations.

7. Have a thankful spirit for the blessings of God—country, home, friends, and numerous other benefits.

8. Work as if everything depended upon the work, and pray as if everything depended upon prayer.

9. Read the Bible prayerfully and thoughtfully, so that you may hear and obey what God reveals to you of Himself and His will for you.

10. Think of death, not as something to be dreaded, but as a great and new experience where loved ones are met and ambitions are realized.

Our Church Calendar

MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH	7;30 PM	SIGN LANGUAGE CHOIR
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10TH	8:00 PM	BEACH PARISH MEETING 425 4th Pl., Manhattan Beach 379-2216
	8:00 PM	SOUTH CENTRAL PARISH MEETING Joe Burns', 7915 Mt. View, Huntington Park,588-1349,684-1792
	8:00 PM	VALLEY PARISH MEETING
	8:00 PM	SPREE'S "BOYS IN THE BAND" Ivar Theatre, Hollywood
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11TH	7:30 PM	KOOL-AIDS RAP SESSION
	8:00 PM	LONG BEACH PARISH DISCUSSION Art & Forey's, 1858 Magnolia St. Long Beach, 599-6803
	8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING Main Sanctuary
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH	6:00 PM	LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 PM	MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF CALIFORNIA The Sommers Room
	7:00 PM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:30 PM	C.I.C. MEETING Seminary Room
	8:30 PM	ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING Church Social Hall
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH	7:30 PM	COUPLES CLUB, Playa Del Rey, 851-4395 or 271-8312
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH	8:00 AM	WOMEN'S ACTION COMMITTEE Work Project
	10:00 AM	CHURCH CLEANING
	7:30 PM	LAVENDER LADIES GALA REVIEW & DEACON'S DINNER Social Hall, $2.00

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH	8:30 AM	LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
	9:30 AM	COMMUNICANTS CLASS Sommers Room
	9:30 AM	ACADEMY
	9:30 AM	**COFFEE SOCIAL HOUR**
	9:30 AM	**BIBLE** CLASS, MEN & WOMEN
	10:00 AM	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	10:30 AM	SINGSPIRATION
	10:45 AM	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Seminary Class Room Teacher: Steve Jordan
	11:00 AM	SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
	RIGHT AFTER SVC	BAKE SALE BY LAVENDER LADIES
	RIGHT AFTER SVC	SUNDAY SCHOOL BENEFIT BRUNCH
	7:00 PM	CHRIST CHAPEL MCC COSTA MESA Rev. Van Hecke Preaching 714-548-6868
	7:00 PM	EVENING SERVICE

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